

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Amending Title 19, Chapter 5, section 501A and amending Title 20, Chapter 2, section 209C

This amendment will allow the Board of Correction to empower both classified and non-classified employees the rights and duties of peace officers in certain circumstances. Currently, the laws only allow for classified employees to be designated by the Board. Trained officers who currently hold non-classified positions sometimes assist in the field as part of their management duties. This amendment will allow the Board to designate the non-classified employees' peace officer status to effectively carry out their assigned duties.

There is also a need to have peace officer trained employees assist law enforcement during emergencies when employees may be in the presence of law enforcement officials. The amendment will allow employees designated as peace officers by the Board the ability to assist law enforcement agencies in situations when an employee is in the presence of a law enforcement official on matters which are not specifically related to the IDOC. This change would extend peace officer status to Board designated IDOC employees present during times when law enforcement needs their assistance. This amendment would only be applicable to those employees who have peace officer training.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact on general funds.

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